

REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to the rejection raised in the Office action, and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Further, the Applicants do not acquiesce to any portion of the Office Action not particularly addressed. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

In the Office action, the Office noted that claims 1-6, 8-15, 18, 19, 21, 24 and 25 are pending and rejected. Applicants amend claims 9 and 10. Applicants have not introduced any new matter by way of the foregoing amendments.

In view of the above amendments and the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are anticipated obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103. Thus, Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in condition for allowance.

REJECTION

The Office rejected claims 1-6, 8-15, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,225,322 ("*Folmsbee*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,380,275 ("*Srinivasan*") and claims 21 and 23-25 in view of *Folmsbee* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,287,508 ("*Hejna*"). This rejection is traversed.

Amended claim 1 recites a combination of elements directed to a data processing unit for executing an encrypted software program. The combination of elements includes "means for retrieving a serial number from non-volatile memory unit; means for retrieving decryption procedure, wherein the processing unit is the unit that can retrieve the serial number from the non-volatile memory unit; means for decrypting an encrypted software program using the retrieved serial number as an encryption key and the decryption procedure." Amended, independent claim 6 recites similar features as those recited in claim 1.

In view of the above, claims 1 and 6 are patentable over *Folmsbee* and *Srinivasan*. Claims 2-5 and 8-10 depend from one of claims 1 and 6 and are thus patentable over *Folmsbee* and *Srinivasan* for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants submit that none of the claims presently in the application are obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Office believes that any unresolved issues still exist or if, in the opinion of the Office, a telephone conference would expedite passing the present application to issue, the Office is invited to call the undersigned attorney directly at 972-917-4365 or the office of the undersigned attorney at 972-917-5352 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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